(ख) से (च) उपयुक्त (क) में दिए गए उत्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Non-Payment of Licence Fee

1562. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only two companies out of the seven to whom LOI for Basic Telcom Services were issued last year, have so far paid the first instalment of licence fee;

(b) if so, the particulars of the companies which have not paid the licence fee and the reasons for the delay in payment of licence fee; and

(c) thc last date fixed by DoT for payment of licence fee and the action proposed, in case of non-payment, by that date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Out of the 8 companies to whom LOIs have been issued so far, only 2 companies namely, M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd. and M/s Reliance Telecom have paid the first instalment of Licence fee.

(b) Three companies namely, M/s Tata Tele services, M/s Hughes Ispat and M/s Escar Commision holding valid LOIs have not yet paid the Licence fees and raiscd certain issues. Government has made appropriate efforts to resolve these issues. Cases of remaining three companies viz., M/s HFCL Bezeq Telecom. LTD, M/s Basic Teleservices and M/s Techno Telecom are subjudice in the High Court of Delhi.

(c) The Licence fee is payable as a pre-condition to signing of the Licence Agreement.

Tender for basic Telephone Services in Rajasthan

1563. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the datum schedule mentioned in tender documents for basic Telephone Services which was required to be adhered to by Bidders;

(b) whether any bidder had to pay Rs. 1700 crores as fixed by Tender Evaluation Committee, as reasonable levy for Basic Telephone Services for Rajasthan then what are the minimum annual instalments as per datum schedule in the tender documents, to be paid in 15 years; and

(c) the year wise minimum NPV of Rs. 1700 crores fixed by Tender Evaluation Committee as reasonable levy for basic Telephone Service for Rajasthan by following prescribed annual payment datum schedule in the tender documents?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The datum schedule mentioned in the tender document for Basic Telephone Services was Rs. 'Y' for first five years, Rs. '2Y' for the next five years and Rs. '4Y' for last five year where 'Y' is 1/35th of the amount of gross levy quoted by the bidder.

(b) No minimum/reasonable levy was fixed in the first round of tenders. However, reasonable levy was calculated for each year for each circle including Rajasthan by the Tender Evaluation Committee based on the annual acruals of revenue expected on the basis of demand projections. No minimum annual instalments of the reasonable levy were fixed for 15 years.

(c) No annual payment schedule of the reasonable levy was prescribed in the Tender Documents and the datum schedule referred in para (a) above does not relate to the expected levy.